

OPINION 849

KASSINA GIRARD, 1853 (AMPHIBIA): GRANT UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS OF PRECEDENCE OVER *HYLAMBATES* DUMÉRI, 1853

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby Ruled that the generic name *Kassina* Girard, 1853, is to be given precedence over *Hylambates* Duméril, 1853, by any author who considers these names to belong to the same taxonomic genus.

(2) The generic name *Kassina* Girard, 1853 (gender: feminine), type-species, by monotypy, *Cystignathus senegalensis* Duméril & Bibron, 1841, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1790.

(3) The specific name *senegalensis* Duméril & Bibron, 1841, as published in the binomen *Cystignathus senegalensis* (type-species of *Kassina* Girard, 1853) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2237.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1718)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Raymond F. Laurent and Dr. Hobart M. Smith in August 1965. The application was sent to the printer on 15 October 1965 and was published on 31 January 1966 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 22 : 317–318. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184) and to two specialist serials.

The proposals were unanimously supported by the Nomenclature Committee of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. Dr. W. I. Follett pointed out that *Proc. Amer. Phil. Soc.* 5 : 357 shows that *Proc. Acad. nat. Sci. Philad.* 6, No. 11 was received before 2 December 1853, whereas *Proc. Acad. nat. Sci. Philad.* 6: lxxi shows that *Ann. Sci. nat.* (3) 19, No. 4 was received before 23 August 1853, and (: lxxiii) No. 5 before 11 October 1853. Since it seems almost certain that Duméril's article was published in No. 3 of vol. 19 of *Ann. Sci. nat.*, it is almost certain that *Hylambates* antedates *Kassina*. This further information on the dates of the publications concerned was given to the Commission on the Voting Paper.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 3 November 1967 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (67)47 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 22 : 318. At the close of the prescribed Voting Period on 3 February 1968 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty (20), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Boschma, Lemche, Mayr, Evans, Vokes, Obruchev, Ride, Sabrosky, Munroe, Alvarado, Uchida, Simpson, Jaczewski, Binder, Bonnet, Forest, Mertens, Kraus.

Negative votes—one (1): do Amaral.

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Brinck.

Commissioner Tortonese returned a late affirmative vote.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

Kassina Girard, 1853, *Proc. Acad. nat. Sci. Philad.* 6 : 421

senegalensis, *Cystignathus*, Duméril & Bibron, 1841, *Erpet. Gén.* 8 : 418.

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (67)47 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 849.

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